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# CONGREGATIONAL PRIDE - RESPECT.

II Cor. 9:1-8.

INT: Your speaker often in same spot as Paul in A. D. 60.  
Boast a bit about you as he did about Achaia.

Actually: he worked both ends against each other!

II Cor. 8:1-5\* Macedonia. II Cor. 9:1-8.\*Achaia.

He was encouraging congregational pride (respect).

Why? Preferred to enjoy compliments rather than to endure the miserable pain of mediocrity.

## I. WHAT ABOUT CORINTH COULD PAUL BOAST ABOUT?

- A. Zeal for the generous Christian life. Vs. 1.
- B. Zeal for promptness in doing the job. Vs. 2.
- C. Zeal to set an example for others to follow. Vs. 2.
- D. Eagerness to prove self worthy of the name-Christ!

## II. SOME COMPLIMENTS I HAVE PAID WYNNEWOOD HILLS:

- A. Lesson to encourage you, lest we be ashamed. 3-4.
- B. Most places where I hold meetings, people say:

"When next in Dallas, we'll be out to see you and to visit this wonderful congregation!"

- C. Believe in Lincoln's very wise comments:

I like to see a man proud of the place where he lives, and

I like to see the place where a man lives proud of him. (I try to represent you well.)

- D. Some compliments I feel are justly given you!!

1. Her **SINGING** is inspirational and spiritual.
  - a. Brag on our leaders (about 9) all the time.
  - b. Brag on our preparation—ACC graduates and not afraid to tackle any song in the book!
  - c. Brag on our acoustics. Well designed for singing.
  - d. Try to fulfill: Eph. 5:18-20. John 4:24!!  
**Want to enjoy good singing, come to W. H.**

2. Her **GIVING** in the main is inspiring & encouraging.
  - a. Brag on % of some. 30%, 25%, 20%, 18%, 15%.
  - b. Brag on maturity-level of most. After 13-wks of intensive study, raised giving very little.  
**Either, already giving real well to Lord, Or, 13 wks. intensive study not phase them!**
  - W. H. averages about \$5 per member per Sunday, while other average \$2 to \$3. **More blessed!**

3. Her **TEACHING** program is inspirational & edifying.
  - a. Many teachers, coaches, very-talented folk.
  - b. Believe results are better than many - is as should be. More talent, better results expected.

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- c. Ed. Dir. compliments you on your willingness to teach. Less Heb. 5:12-13.
- d. **W. H. has had highest % at Training for Service in the past.** Hope to keep complimenting future.

4. Her **LEADERSHIP** is outstanding in many many ways.

- a. True each elder has his weak points, true of each deacon, teacher and preacher also. Working on!
- b. Have boasted that -in midst of liberalizing of American mind on **Christian morals and ethics**, our elders are unafraid of any **BIBLE** subject.

Jack Williams: "Need more preaching on worldliness!!!"

Guy Freeman: "More preaching on divorce-save kids!!!"

Charles Ward: "Just preach WHOLE gospel-save souls!!"

5. Her **YOUTH** is outstanding at church, school & home. \*

- a. Sitting toward front. Denotes great attitude!!! Thanks
- b. More shunning evil companions-true, good, beautiful.
- c. Choosing wholesome entertainment. **I Thess. 5:21.**
- d. Preparing for greater service in the kingdom, help when asked to. **Seniors in V. B. S., other areas.**

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Need  
more  
adults  
at church.  
Help singing & appearance.

youth meetings.

**INV:** Sinner friend, like to be a part of a wonderful congregation like this? B-R-C-B.

Christian friend: You helping Wynnewood Hills' reputation and influence?

**Part of the problem, or**

**Part of the solution??? Acts 8:22.**

Identify? Come now.